

time required, together with any additional information likely to be needed.

The full program of the Annual Session will appear in a Supplement to the April issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE.

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—FIFTY-THIRD SESSION

Constitutional Recess Is Over on March 6.—By March 6, the State Assemblymen and State Senators who, during the February constitutional recess, have been sojourning in their respective home districts, to confer with constituents concerning the 2,768 Assembly bills, sixty-eight Assembly constitutional amendments, sixteen Assembly concurrent resolutions and twenty-nine Assembly joint resolutions introduced into the Lower Chamber, and the 1,227 bills, twenty-four constitutional amendments, nine concurrent resolutions, and fourteen joint resolutions submitted to the Senate, will once more be in Sacramento, to convene and carry on their law-making labors, probably into May or June.

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Former and Present Days: In Relation to New Laws.—The daily lives of physicians in the care of sick and injured persons are ordinarily far removed from the sphere of statute drafting. Indeed, in days gone by, legislatures came and went with little or no influence upon the professional, economic or social welfare of medical men, except, perhaps, in the matter of taxes, or minor amendments to public health matters or a medical practice act. Not so today, however!

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California Medical Association's Committee on Public Policy and Legislation.—In recent years, the duty of keeping check on the mass of proposed laws submitted at each biennial session of the California Legislature has become little less than a very onerous task, the burden of which has largely fallen upon the shoulders of the Chairman of the Committee on Public Policy and Legislation, Dr. Junius B. Harris of Sacramento, and the coworkers his committee has found it necessary to draft into coöperative service.

Eternal vigilance is not only a motto for the Committee on Public Policy and Legislation, but it must be constantly kept in view and practiced, because every one of the hundreds of bills must be carefully scrutinized, if undesirable inclusions, having implications to public health and medical practice activities, are to be detected.

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List of Bills Worthy of Perusal.—On page 213, in this issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, appears a classified list of the many Assembly and Senate bills in which members of the medical profession cannot have other than a natural and a live interest. Every member, consequently, should turn to that list and note for himself the magnitude of the labor given to some of the Association's officers, when those officials

are asked not only to discover improper provisions in new measures when they are presented in the January session, but to watch, each and all, for obnoxious additions or modifications of the proposed laws, as they pursue their tortuous and checkered progress in Assembly or Senate committees (where actual presence of the California Medical Association's representatives is not infrequently necessary to counteract the arguments of spokesmen for the opposition or specious interests).

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How Coöperation May Be Given.—The presentation of this subject, along the above lines, is intended to remind our members of the generous service rendered by certain Association officers, to the end that, when appeal for coöperation is made by the Committee on Public Policy and Legislation, the aid requested may be cheerfully and promptly given.

Also, to again call the attention of all, on behalf of the Council, to the unwisdom of component county societies, or of individual members, in passing resolutions or espousing certain proposed statutes, and giving copies of such actions to the proponents of the submitted measures.

The Council of the Association and the Committee on Public Policy and Legislation are glad to know the views of component county societies and of members, but request that such expressions of opinion be forwarded through the Central Office of the California Medical Association. Otherwise, well-meant resolutions and commendation may be brought to the front, for the first time, in Assembly or Senate committee hearings, to become, at times, real sources of embarrassment to the California Medical Association Committee on Public Policy and Legislation. Surely, all must agree that the Committee on Public Policy has more than its share of exacting service, without adding unnecessarily to its labors.

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LIBRARY BEQUEST TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Walter Jarvis Barlow, M. D.—The late Dr. Walter Jarvis Barlow, who on September 4, 1937, passed on from his earthly labors, was ever occupied throughout a very busy professional life in Los Angeles in altruistic endeavor for his fellow citizens. Himself a victim of pulmonary disease, he originated and placed on a sound foundation the Barlow Sanatorium of Los Angeles; so named, by friends, as was the Barlow Medical Library, because his colleagues and coworkers felt that his name should be associated and perpetuated with the outstanding activities he had been instrumental not only in bringing into existence, but in firmly establishing. It was the Editor's privilege, as Faculty Secretary of the University of Southern California's College of Medicine, at a time when Doctor Barlow was Dean, to have been intimately associated with this colleague, who never tired in unostentatious efforts for both his fellows and the profession he so aptly represented. His was primarily a love of service, as was shown when the